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PAUL LEICESTER FORD.

97 Clark St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

To the Commissioners appointed by Act of Parliament for enquiring into the Losses and Services of the American Loyalists.

The Memorial of Stephen Tuttle of Machche in the Province of Quebec, Surveyor of Lands, Humbly Sheweth,

That your Memorialist was one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the County of Albany in the Province of New York, and a Deputy to Alexander Colden Esquire Surveyor General of said Province.—

That at an early period of the war your Memorialist furnished Arms, Ammunitions and Provisions to many of His Majesty's Loyal Subjects of that

Province in order to facilitate their joining the King's Army in Canada.

That your Memorialist for the purpose of procuring Money to relieve the distresses of the British and Loyalists which were Prisoners with the Enemy both before and after General Burgoyne's Convention sold his Negroes and Cattle.

That in consequence of your Memorialist's Loyalty and Attention to the British Government your Memorialist went to Canada, and was there employed in the King's Service, and was soon after proscribed the State of New York, his property confiscated, sold and converted to the use of said State, which property with the Monies advanced for the relief of Prisoners, and the other disbursements made for

the Service of Government amounted to about Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirty eight Pounds Sixteen Shillings New York Currency, being the Sum of One thousand Four hundred Twenty Pounds 1/ 6^{d} Sterling as appears by the Account herewith delivered.

That your Memorialist has a large Family in the Province of Quebec, and is without the means of supporting them.

Your Memorialist therefore prays that his Case may be taken into Consideration in order that your Memormorialist may be enabled to receive such Aid and relief as his Losses and Services may be found to deserve.

for Stephen Tuttle

Henry J. Jessup.

No, 36 Suffolk Street, February 27th 1784.

MASHICHE 26 October 1783.

A True Estimate of the Lands Goods and Chattles of Stephen Tuttle late of the County of Albany Esquire in the Province of New York lost by him in consequence of the late dissentions in America for his adhering to the Government of Great Britain and assisting their true Subjects when in distress &c.

To one Lott in the Kyadreosseras 35½ Acres situate on Hudson's River with a good dwelling House and Barn well furnished with Out Houses and a fine places for erecting Mills and about 66 Acres of improved Lands with a fine young Orchard. New York Currency.	£1300	"	"
To a small improvement bought of Hugh Maloy.	30	"	"

To 1050 Acres of Land lying in the N. E. branch of Hudson's River computed at 3/2 p Acre	£168	"	"
To 210 Acres at the South Bay computed at 8/ p Acre. . . .	84	"	"
To 250 Acres at the S. W. corner of the Artillery Pattent . . .	80	"	"
To the Grass of 20 Acres of Meadow on the east side of Hudson's River	40	"	"
To 5 Acres of Buck-wheat priced at	20	"	"
To 18 Bushels of Potatoes planted computed	22	" 10	"
To 2 valuable young Horses . .	45	"	"
To 20 good Sheep and 80 pounds of Wool 2/6	26	"	"
To furnishing Arms and Ammunition for the Loyalists, 20 lbs of Powder, 30 lbs Bullets, 6 Guns 3 at 10 Dollars each	24	" 10	"
To Farming Uttensils &c . . .	30	"	"
To an Obligation for 100 white pine Logs	12	"	"

To Household Furniture . . .	£35	" "
To a Sett of Tools for a Turner .	2	" "
To 10 Hogs 1½ year old fat 4 d° 8 Months old	34	" "
To 4 Obligations to the amount of £200 New York Cury at 7 p Cent	333	" "
Liquors 6 Gallons of Wine at 10/	3	" "
To 8 Gallons of French Brandy at 10/ p Gallon—To 12 Gallons Spirits at 8/	8	" 16 "
To Notes of Hand and Book Debts amount to	226	" "
To Fines at different times for not obeying to fight against the King	40	" "
To Expenses to Assist Scouters from the King's Army, and Britts and Loyalists when imprisoned just before and after General Burgoyne's Convention, 3000 Dollars for one exchange for Silver: that for the purpose of raising this Sum of		

Money said Stephen Tuttle sold his Negroes and Cattle .	£400	"	"
To 30: 2000 Dollars at 20 for one exchange for Silver	40	"	"
	£3003	" 16	"
Deduct for the sums due on Mortgages	465	"	"
Total Losses	2538	" 16	"

A true Account of the Incumberances on the foregoing Estate of Stephen Tuttle, Esq^{r} as follows, To wit: New York Currency.

One Mortgage to Derich Lefforts for*	£300	"	"
One ditto to Daniel Campbell Esq^{r} for	125	"	"
And one Mortgage to Philip van Runster for £800 Congress Money that when payable was at 20 exchange for one of Silver Currency of New York equal to	40	"	"
	£465	"	"

*Compare with name as given on page 16.

This last mentioned Mortgage was given for the purpose of raising Money to defray the Expences occurred to the said Stephen Tuttle by his having assisted Persons in Goal and in making their escape to New York &cc, which had involved him on that Account.

The foregoing is the best Account that can be made by said Stephen Tuttle of all his affairs in his present Circumstances.

STEPHEN TUTTLE.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, 2d Decr 1785.

Evidence in the Case of Stephen Tuttle formerly of Albany.

Claimant Sworn,

Is a Native of New Jersey—at the commencement of the troubles he was

settled 47 Miles from Albany as a Farmer.—he was deputy Surveyor General of the Province and Justice of the Peace.—At the breaking out of the troubles in 1774 he was offered a Company in the Rebel Service which he refused. He steadily & uniformly acted a Loyal part, he never took any Oath to the Americans, altho' it was often tendered to him and threatned for refusal. General Arnold threatned to hang him for a Rebel. He joined the British on Lake Champlain in 1779. Prior to that he took every Opportunity of assisting the Loyalists and British Prisoners.—He would have joined General Burgoyne but was prevented by the Rebel Army.—He says he sent five Sons to serve in the British Army.—Says he has re-

mained in Canada with the British Army ever since.—He furnished arms & ammunition to the Loyalists early in the war. His Claim was carried home from Canada by Colonel Jessup in October, 1783,—he then resided 120 Miles above Quebec.—he saw the Account of the Act appointg Commissioners to enquire into the Losses & Services of the Loyalists in the Quebec Gazette some days before.

Property.—All his Papers & Letters were lost on his way thro' the woods to join the British in 1779.

351 Acres 3 Miles below Fort Edward on Hudson's River, he bought this about 1773 of Derrick Liffords and Daniel Campbell for £700 New York Currency—there was very little clearance on it, he thinks he laid out

near as much in Improvements Sixty Six Acres were cleared, Swears he thinks he could have sold this for £1300 New York Currency.—

15 Acres an Improvement bought of Hugh Mollay adjoining the former —there was a House on it and the Lands all cleared—value £30 New York Currency.

1050 Acres in the North East branch of Hudson's River.—a Grant, and no Cultivation on it—the Grant was dated in 1769—values it at 3^{s}/2^{d} N. York Currency p Acre £168 N. Y.

210 Acres adjoining the South Bay 10 Miles from Skeenes borough was a Serjeant's Right last war, he gave £5 Currency for this—was not cultivated—admits that there was a Condition to cultivate—values it at £814 New York Currency.

250 Acres at the Corner of the artillery Patents purchased of one Gilchrist—he had a Lease for ever paying 6[d] per Acre for ever after 81 years—the Lease was dated in 1770 this never produced him any thing, but it was valuable Land.

N. Y. Cur.

Personal Property.—Hay on the Ground, destroyed by the Americans	£16	"	"
5 Acres of Buckwheat on the Ground	20	"	"
18 Bushels of Potatoes planted	22	"	10 "
2 young Horses taken by the Americans	45	"	"
20 Sheep at 9/	9	"	"
14 Hogs at	34	"	"
Farming Uttensils	30	"	"
Furniture	35	"	"
Tools	2	"	"
	£213	"	10 "

Liquors taken by the Rebels . . . £11 " 6 "
Expence in furnishing Arms and
Ammunition for the Loyalists . 24 " 10 "
States debts due to him . . . . . 571 " "

He owed to Americans £465 there were Mortgages on the Estate. And about £20 to Friends to Government. All his property is sold under Confiscation—he believes his debts were paid out of it. Fines for not fighting against the King £40 Currency. Says he lost the use of his right arm by Cold in going thro' the woods to join the British. Certificate to his being considered a Loyalist in 1777 by the Rebels from General Arnold. Certificate from Thomas Mann High Sheriff of Gaspee—formerly Ensign in Loyal Rangers.—To Loyalty and having assisted Loyalists in distress.

Place—Deputy Surveyor of Lands. He had 20 Sh: Currency p Diem when employed and thinks it was worth £150 Currency p Annum to him—Appointment by Alex^{r} Colden produced dated 15th June 1768.

Witness—John Leonard Sworn. He travelled as a pedlar in New York Province about 1775, he always heard M^{r} Tuttle consider'd as a Loyal Subject, he has been in his House and he lived in a good Stile.

3^{d} Decem^{r} Claimant delivers in an Account of different Articles furnished British Soldiers & Loyalists as follows.

Account of Sundries expended by Stephen Tuttle formerly of Albany in the Province of New York for and in support of His Majesty's Troops &

other Loyalists during the Rebellion in America.

To supplying a Party of Men about 36 in number with provisions and other necessaries, they being obliged to hide themselves in the woods for more than 3 weeks until I got a Pilot to take them to Canada . . . . . £70 " "

To supplying a number of British Soldiers from August to November in 1777 prisoners in the City Hall and Fort in Albany with Provisions and other Necessaries . . . . . 120 " "

To assisting private Expresses from Canada to the British Army and my riding 3 days and nights in getting Intelligence for Serjeant Major Kelly and supporting him and his Company . . 15 " "

To taking out of Jail and forwarding to New York about 30 British Soldiers and finding them Provisions, Money and other Necessaries as also a number of others to Canada and providing

Guides and every thing necessary for their support as also my constant attention to give whatever intelligence I possibly could to the British for which I was forced to sell my Negroes and Cattle on purpose to raise money to answer the above ends . . . . . £235 " "

New York Currency . . . . . £440 " "

Capt. Jonath Jones—Sworn

Claim[t] was a near Neighbour of M[r] Jones's in Albany County and believes he was a Steady Loyal Subject to Great Britain, and he was of use in assisting Loyalists in the Country—he cannot say whether he was at any great expence on that account.

He was a Deputy Surveyor which was an advantage to him. He remembers his property near F[t] Edward there was a house on it, and

consid.ble Improvements—he thinks the property might be worth £1000 Currency—has always understood that there was encumb.ces on it.

When Witness left the Country M.r Tuttle had considerable Stock—but cannot speak to the particulars of his Loss—

HALIFAX 21.st Feby. 1786.

Further Evidence on the Claim of Stephen Tuttle.

Edmond Butler, Witness Sworn,

Says he lived 36 Miles from Claimant—he was always reported to be a true Loyalist, he remembers he gave all assistance to Loyalists and British Soldiers.

He had some Sons, one of which went to serve in the British Army, believes the others were young.

In 1778 he went to Quebec as he could not live at his own home.

Property.—Recollects his House and Farm at Fort Edward, it was a good House, and Barn, and in an improving Farm,—but he cannot speak to particulars.

When he lived in Albany in 1781, he understood that Tuttle's Property was disposed of.

Recollects he was a Deputy Surveyor.

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